

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 – Population Health

**Topic:** Animal Testing

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Rhiannon, Lee

**Question:**

What proportion of medical research funding is used for the development of alternatives to animal experiments?

**Answer:**

The current data set collected by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) on projects funded by NHMRC is broad, and does not allow NHMRC to specifically identify projects solely for the development of alternatives to the use of animals for scientific purposes.